

MOORAK PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENT BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT POLICY

At Moorak Primary School, we believe that:

- 1. All students and teachers have the right to be in a positive, respectful and safe learning environment.
- 2. Students have the right to learn and teachers have the right to teach.
- 3. Everyone is responsible for their own behaviour.
- 4. Consequences for expected and unexpected behaviours need to be consistent and logical.
- 5. Responding to unexpected behaviours will be dependent upon the developmental stage of the student.
- 6. Parents, caregivers and teachers must work in partnership to manage student behaviour issues.

Moorak Primary School is a supportive school environment in which students are acknowledged for expected behaviour, effort and achievement.

Students are expected to:

- follow adult instructions rapidly (FAIR)
- allow other students to learn and teachers to teach
- play and work safely
- respect the rights and property of others
- use appropriate strategies to solve problems

Staff are expected to:

- model appropriate behaviour and regularly reinforce expected behaviour
- acknowledge and promote expected behaviour
- teach conflict resolution skills and provide opportunities for students to discuss and resolve issues
- address bullying and provide students with training in anti-harassment and grievance procedures
- use methodologies and strategies in class to support children's engagement with learning and the development of positive relationships
- work collaboratively with families through open, honest and kind communication

Families/ parents / carers are expected to:

- model appropriate behaviour and regularly reinforce expected behaviour
- work collaboratively with school staff through open, honest and kind communication

Where applicable:

- ensure there are multiple contacts on the school system for urgent communication
- support the timely pick-up of student/s where necessary
- support their child if needing to engage in a re-connection or restorative meeting

Responding to unexpected behaviours may include:

- a warning
- apology
- class timeout
- office timeout
- yard sit-out for minor yard incidents
- yard time-out for issues involving unsafe behaviour in the yard
- yard suspension / alternate play program
- formulating of individual behaviour plans
- take-home
- suspension from school for issues involving violence, serious harassment or bullying
- exclusion from school

Where required, parent/carers will receive communication from the school regarding these consequences.

Examples of adjustments and/or support staff would implement to model/promote expected behaviour is:

- orderly learning environments (clever classrooms)
- brain / movement breaks
- explicitly taught routines
- breathing exercises
- acknowledgement of expected behaviour
- development of personalised behaviour plans / systems
- safe places to withdraw / regulate
- implementation of whole school Health and Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum (including Zones of Regulation and explicit social skills instruction)
- Intervention / support programs for small groups / individuals
- When unexpected behaviour is on-going or severe, a referral to Interagency Behaviour Support can be made.

Our behaviour management processes are consistent with the Department for Education policies.